

ROANOKE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2013

The Roanoke Local Human Rights Committee met on February 21, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Goodwill Industries of the Valleys at 2502 Melrose Ave., Roanoke, VA.

Members Present

Vincent Dabney, Chair
Renu Musselwhite, Vice Chair
Rebecca Downs
Joseph Kinchloe
Thayer Walker

Members Absent

Ann Patterson

Affiliates Represented

Alleghany Highlands Community Services – Nancy Curry
Austin Residential and Mental Health Support Services – Tina Austin
Berry Mental Support Services – Robin Berry
Commonwealth Lifespan Services – Betty Crance
Dominion Day Services – Marvin Fields and Christina Morris
Family Insight – Heather Moor
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys – Linda Edghill
It's About Time, Inc Day Support & In Home Service – Mitzi Tuck, Jim Tuck and Elizabeth Campbell
Key Living Options, Inc. – Linda Puckett
Mainstream Mental Health Services, Inc – Kristine Benson
Mountain River Counseling, LLC – Brigid Hundley
New Choices Counseling, Inc. – Tyler Simmons
Roanoke Resource, LLC – Celia McCauley-Wittl, Courtni Sandras
United Support Services, LLC – Geena Ray, Ashley Lucas
Vision Behavioral Health – Tara Wright
Youth Advocacy Programs (YAP) – Kristi Cales

Affiliates Not Represented

Delivering HOPE Human Services
TransformED Support Services

Others Present

Dwayne Lynch Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS-OHR
Susan Walton, LHRC Administrative Support, Alleghany Highlands Community Services

Call to Order

Vincent Dabney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and invited members, staff, affiliates, and guests to introduce themselves.

Mr. Dabney called for Public Comment.

Agenda

Agenda for February 21, 2013 reviewed for approval. It's About Time requested to be taken off the agenda. Motion made to approve agenda, 2nd and approved.

Minutes

Minutes for November 15, 2012 meeting reviewed by the committee. Motion was made to approve November 15, 2012 minutes, 2nd and approved. January 10, 2013 meeting minutes will be reviewed at the next LHRC meeting.

Advocate's Report

Dwayne Lynch, Human Rights Advocate commented on year 2012 and the growth of the number of providers. Advocate thanked committee members for their continued efforts, and providers for improvements in reporting and transitioning. Advocated mention there is always room for more improvement and understanding by providers, but is pleased with what has been displayed since 2012 to maintain compliance with the Human Rights Regulations. Advocate thanked members who were able to attend Dec. 4th training for LHRC members. Everyone whom was able to attend enjoyed the meeting and advocate committed to offering at least 2 trainings in 2013. Binders were passed out and overviewed for members whom were not able to attend Dec training. Discussed the presence of more site visits in 2013 to providers, and discussed CHRIS roll out for 2013.

Request for Affiliation (Expanded Affiliations)

- 1) United Support Services – Extend Therapeutic Day Treatment Services at Fishburn Park Elementary School in Roanoke City Public Schools. Motion was made to extend Therapeutic Day Treatment Services to Fishburn Park Elementary School. Motion was 2nd and approved.

Request for Affiliation (New Affiliations)

- 1) A New Inspiration – Provider seeking affiliation with the RLHRC for Mental Health Support Services in Roanoke. They have concluded affiliation with the Mt. Roger's LHRC because they are not providing services in that area any longer. LHRC requested provider report back to the committee at the May meeting with a revision in policy to remove the shadowing portion and to include TOVA will be used during crisis situations. Motion was made to grant affiliation with a comment that a revision of this policy will be submitted at the next LHRC meeting. Motion was 2nd and approved.

Requested Updates to Committee

- 1) Key Living Options – LHRC requested an update from a special meeting held last fall regarding the inclusion of in-home services to their license. Key Living Options will give another update at the September 2013 meeting. In September 2013 the RLHRC will decide if they need to give further updates because this was a service that has been previously affiliated, concluded and affiliated again.

Affiliates Reports and Updates.

Mr. Dabney invited the Providers to present the Provider Human Rights Reports for the 4th Quarter and the 2012 Annual Reports.

- 1) Nancy Curry represented the Alleghany Highlands Community Services and provided an update from their special meeting held on January 10, 2013, to affiliate their ICF-ID home. AHCS is completely operational as an 8 bed ICF-ID. AHCS wishes to conclude their affiliation at Merryfield as a group home because it has been completely converted to ICF-ID. Motion was made to conclude their group home affiliation. Motion was 2nd and approved.

Nancy Curry presented the Alleghany Highlands Community Services reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.

- 2) Tina Austin presented the Austin Residential and Mental Health Support Services reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 3) Robin Berry gave an update on her licensing process for Berry Mental Support Services.
- 4) Betty Crance presented the Commonwealth Lifespan Services reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 5) Delivering HOPE Human Services – Advocate recommended concluding provider affiliation with the RLHRC. This was the 3rd consecutive meeting missed by this provider. Motion was made to conclude Delivering HOPE Human Services' affiliation with RLHRC. Motion was 2nd and approved. Advocate will notify the provider of the conclusion of their affiliation.
- 6) Marvin Fields presented the Dominion Youth/Day Services reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 7) Heather Moor presented the Family Insight, Inc. reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 8) Lynda Edghill presented the Goodwill Industries of the Valley reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.

- 9) Mitzi Tuck presented the It's About Time, Inc. Day Support and In Home Services reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 10) Linda Puckett presented the Key Living Options reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 11) Kristine Benson presented the Mainstream Mental Health Services, Inc. reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 12) Brigid Hundley presented the Mountain River Counseling, LLC reports. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 13) Tyler Simmons presented the New Choices Counseling, Inc. reports. Reports were accepted as submitted. Advocate requested a formal letter be presented to the committee at the May meeting notifying the committee of the provider's address change. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 14) Courtni Sandras represented Roanoke Resource. Notified the LHRC the provider was licensed on February 15.
- 15) Ashley Lucas presented the reports for United Support Services, LLC. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 16) Tara Wright presented the reports for Vision Behavioral Health. Reports were accepted as submitted.
- 17) Kristi Cales presented the reports for the Youth Advocacy Program. Reports were accepted as submitted.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with reminder the next meeting will be May 16, 2013.

Closed Session

Motion was made to go into a closed session to interview an LHRC applicant. RLHRC Chair moved to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711.a14 for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals of personal matters not related to public business mainly to conduct an interview for LHRC advocate.

I move to reconvene the LHRC into public session. I move that each member certify to the best of their knowledge that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard and discussed or considered. Each committee member certified to the above.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with reminder the next meeting will be May 16, 2013.

Vincent Dabney, Chairman

Date